

Monroe County Art in Public Places Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday – January 25, 2016 – 4:00 pm
Gato Building, 1st floor conference room
1100 Simonton Street, Key West

In attendance were Committee members: Sue D'Antonio, Jeffrey Harwell, Dave Andrews, Beth Kaminstein; Staff: Liz Young, Jodell Roberts. Nance Frank was absent.

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

Sue welcomed the meeting attendees.

Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2015

Motion: Dave moved to approve the December 14, 2015 minutes; seconded by Jeff. The motion was passed unanimously.

Review the status of proposals for Marathon Court House – Jeffrey

Exterior artwork budget is **\$14,200**. Amount reflects court funds added to budget. Jeff read email from Debra Yates sent to Liz – she has relocated and may not accept the award. Discussion followed. Jeff prefers to look for another space. Liz spoke with Holly Elomina and asked if she would speak to Judge Becker. Thanked her for doubling the budget, but there are issues with the County not updating the space. Liz has not heard back from Holly. Discussion of issuing another RFP that is more specific also reviewed the other RFPs that were submitted. Discussion of reconsidering public art inside the building or possibly landscape architecture that could be public art. Due to reassessment of designated outside space and all factors to prepare site and maintenance, etc. a new RFP may be required. Liz will contact County attorney. Discussion of building interior what types of wall treatments which could be exposed to the public who may touch or lean on wall/art. Liz and Sue will visit and take photos of interior options.

MOTION: Jeff to respond to Yates with a "no" letter to her email dated 12/30/15 due to the issue of lack of resources. Choice would be to issue a revised RFP for the Marathon Courthouse for an alternate space: Beth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Current Projects – Status Update:

Bi-Annual RFQ – Staff will complete and send to legal for release – would like to offer 2 public workshops for potential applicants. Liz - will try to do in the next month. Would like to put the RFQ out to other sources to reach beyond Monroe County. Beth - would like to pursue landscape architecture as a public art form. Per legal department we cannot combine RFQ & RFP.

Key West Senior Center- Bill Horn, architect Project Budget- \$528,714. **Public Art Budget:** \$5,287.14 **Art Budget \$ 4,500**. Status update: *no change* - building may need more extensive repairs than originally planned – we are on hold for 30-60 days while property is further evaluated. Staff will prepare RFP when plans are confirmed for the project.

Bernstein Park, Stock Island renovations: Bill Horn, architect. Plans are complete. Waiting for 1% final budget amount - park has aprox. \$5 million budget. Project is out to bid and the bids are due on January 19th – will have update for our meeting.

Plantation Key Court House – Design and scope of work ongoing (one year) Staff is receiving email updates from Project Manager Doug Sposito. Beth mentioned she would like to contact terrazzo artists in Miami for this project. Liz – suggest that we invite Doug Sposito to a meeting March in KW.

Public Works building renovation – Magnolia Street (MM 100), **Public Art Budget** \$10,391.21, **Art Budget: \$8,800**. Staff has received approval to site public art at the Murray Nelson Gov't Center for the public per the motion made at December meeting will need to decide what to do at Murray Nelson, since funds will be transferred to the site. (once approved by OMB)

Projects Slated for 2016/ 2017:

Marathon Library – design phase and agreements ongoing – No updates yet. Site is selected and agreement reached between school district and County. Plans are underway.

Summerland Key Fire Station - property has been selected and purchase contract in process, hope to have more information end of January 2016. Property is located on Cudjoe Key.

Marathon Airport – Customs Facility – major construction almost complete. 1% for art unclear – waiting to confirm if renovations will qualify for 1% No updates.

Higgs Beach – Atlantic Blvd. relocation – budget approx. \$1-3 million. Staff will be updated within 30-60 days. Liz stated that the next phase will be moving the road further away from the beach within the next 18 months.

Big Pine Key Swimming Hole and **Jefferson Brown Bldg/Old Historic Jail** – no updates.

The following projects have been placed **on hold** (no funds allocated) by BOCC as of March 18, 2009:

- Old Tavernier School and the Marathon EOC

Other business:

Conch Key Fire Station – Discuss lighting options. Liz will call Jolly Benson of Benson Electric. Beth would like to bring a lighting consultant to look at the issue.

Key West Airport – Potential conference room/renovated Customs Facility updates - Nothing started as of yet Liz will ask again. Liz discussed that there is no room in Customs Facility for public art following discussion with Don DeGraw.

Liz mentioned that she saw in KW citizen - competition/contest for redesign of the Monroe County seal. She contacted new public info officer, Cammy Clark and also spoke with County Administrator. Discussion followed.

Public Input – Sue called for comments from the public. There were no members of the public at the meeting.

Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jodell Roberts, Business Manager